

BJA FY 2008 SOLICITATIONS

- **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (Release: March 3; Close: May 6).** Through the FY 2008 Justice and Mental Health Program, BJA will help increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems to increase access to treatment for this unique group of offenders.
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- **Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program (Release: October 15; Close: December 13).** The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum administered by BJA in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid engaging in delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems.
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- **Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (Release: December *projected*).** This program provides financial and technical assistance to federally recognized tribal governments to develop or enhance tribal justice systems, with a special focus on reducing crime associated with the distribution and abuse of alcohol and controlled substances.
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- **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) (Release: January 7; Close: March 13).** PSN links local, state, and federal law enforcement, prosecutors, and community leaders in a comprehensive strategy of deterrence, prevention, and prosecution of gun crime. The five core elements of PSN—partnerships, strategic planning, training, community outreach, and accountability—strengthen the success of the initiative across the country. PSN is committed to building effective local, state, and federal partnerships; using research tools to assist with guiding local strategies and measuring their impact; providing comprehensive training; conveying the initiative's priorities, message, and results to the community and the media; and building a strong coalition with citizens for lasting change in their own communities. BJA administers the PSN grant funds allocated to the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts throughout the nation.
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- Tribal Courts Assistance Program (Release: December *projected*)**. The goal of this program is to develop new tribal courts, improve the operations of existing tribal courts, and provide funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff. The objective in reaching this goal is to help tribal governments develop, enhance, and continue the operation of tribal judicial systems, including intertribal court systems.

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- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program (Release: October 22; Close: December 20)**. This program assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in local and state correctional and detention facilities. It also assists states and local governments in creating and maintaining community-based aftercare services for offenders. The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

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- Anti-Gang Initiative (Release: January 14; Close: March 20)**. In 2006, the U.S. Attorney General unveiled the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative to combat gang violence across America. The Attorney General's strategy is three-fold: (1) prioritize prevention programs to provide America's youth and offenders returning to the community with opportunities to help them resist gang involvement; (2) ensure robust enforcement policies when gang-related violence does occur; (3) and promote former gang-related offender reentry into communities. In FY 2008, the initiative will continue to support this strategy.

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- Capital Case Litigation Initiative (Release: October 29; Close: January 3)**. This initiative allows BJA to provide training to defense counsel, local and state prosecutors, and state trial judges to improve the quality of representation and the reliability of verdicts in state capital cases. Grantees will develop curricula; conduct training on a national level; and oversee curricula refinement and training delivery at the state level.

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- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (State) (Release: November 29; Close: January 31)**. The JAG Program allows tribes, local governments, and states to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own needs and conditions. Funds may be used for law enforcement; prosecution and courts; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.

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- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Release: October 29; Close: February 14).** The primary purpose of this program is to enhance the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies to collect and analyze controlled substance prescription data. The program focuses on providing assistance to states that want to plan, implement, or enhance a prescription drug monitoring program.

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- Prisoner Reentry Initiative (Release: TBD; Close: TBD).** This initiative seeks to strengthen urban communities characterized by large numbers of returning, nonviolent prisoners. The program, which involves several federal agencies, is designed to reduce recidivism by helping inmates find work and access other critical services when they return to their communities.

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- Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program (Release: October 29; Close: January 3).** This program helps protect crime victims from further victimization and ensures that victims' legal rights are being honored. SAVIN programs also improve criminal justice decisions by ensuring that victims are given the timely and accurate information they need to fully participate in the judicial process (arrest, incarceration, prosecution, conviction, and/or placement in community supervision). Finally, these statewide systems enable assessment of victims' interactions with the criminal justice system while ensuring the total anonymity of the victim.

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- Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (Release: November 5; Close: January 10).** This program provides financial and technical assistance to Indian tribal governments, local courts, units of local government, states, and state courts to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over nonviolent, substance-abusing offenders. Programs funded by the program are required by law to target nonviolent offenders and must implement a drug court based on 10 key components.

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